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C O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 1003

FOR AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR WRIGGINS

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS - PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE

REF: A. STATE 55571 QUOTING CANBERRA 1568; B. STATE 55419

1. REFTEL REPORTED NEW ZEALAND FOREIGN MINISTER TALBOYS' CONVERSATION WITH SRI LANKA FOREIGN MINISTER HAMEED DURING LATTER'S RECENT VISIT TO WELLINGTON, IN WHICH TALBOYS INFORMED HAMEED OF NEED FOR AMERASINGHE TO BE ATTACHED TO GSL DELEGATION IN ORDER TO RETAIN LOS PRESIDENCY. HAMEED REPLIED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THIS HAD BEEN PUT TO HIM.

2. FEIGNING IGNORANCE SEEMS TO BE A TECHNIQUE THAT HAMEED OCCASIONALLY EMPLOYES TO SIDESTEP DISCUSSION ON SUBJECTS HE  
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WISHES TO AVOID. FOR EXAMPLE, HE HAS IN THE RECENT PAST TOLD CALLERS HE LACKED INFORMATION FROM USG ON US-SOVIET INDIAN OCEAN TALKS, AND DIDN'T KNOW WHY USG HAD LEFT ILO. THESE ARE SUBJECTS ON WHICH HE AND HIS MINISTRY HAVE RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION FROM THIS EMBASSY, AS WELL AS USG OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, NEW YORK AND GENEVA. WE VENTURE THAT HAMEED'S REMARKS TO TALBOYS WERE BUT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS.

3. THERE IS NO RESIDENT NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE IN COLOMBO, WHICH IS COVERED BY NZ HIGH COMMISSIONER GERALD HENSLEY, RESIDENT IN SINGAPORE. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT FOLLOW UP ON HAMEED'S DISCLAIMER TO TALBOYS BY DETAILED PRESENTATION OF AMERASINGHE PROBLEM AND "AUSTRIAN" PRECEDENT WHICH GSL MIGHT WISH TO FOLLOW? PLANE SERVICE BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO IS GOOD AND NEW ZEALAND HIGH COMMISSIONER HENSLEY IS WELL REGARDED BY GSL. HIS APPROACH LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN THAT OF COLOMBO RESIDENT AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER, WHO ORDINARILY HANDLES NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS HERE.  
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